WHY GEOGRAPHY AT ALGOMA U?

Our four-year geography program is ideal for students interested in geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, climate change, environmental sustainability, research, and urban regional development.

Our program provides students with skills that go beyond the study of geography, including a broad understanding of numbers and numeracy, writing and research, and data presentation. Geography enthusiasts will appreciate the rich environment in which Algoma University is located. The natural landscape is marked by the St. Mary's River and the Great Lakes, as well as mountain ranges, valleys, and highlands. Our geography isn't limited to just physical spaces; either, the Algoma region boasts cultural diversity, including those of First Nations heritage. In addition, Sault Ste. Marie has also long been known throughout the world as a "meeting place" and we are located directly on the border with Michigan.

Our program is aided by small class sizes, which affords students more one-on-one time with our dedicated faculty. Our faculty are highly-qualified and are committed to teaching, research, and student success. Our program produces top quality graduates, many of whom continue onto higher education, and others who secure meaningful employment in both the public and private sectors, locally, nationally, and internationally. Although we are a small department by provincial and national standards, we are able to make significant and lasting contributions in both our teaching and research.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze the earth as an integrated human-environment system.
- Reflect critically upon the scope and evolution of the diverse discipline of geography.
- Recognize, synthesize and evaluate diverse sources of knowledge, models, and approaches pertinent to studying environment issues.
- Collect and analyze geographical data and interpret its significance within the context of human-environment relations.
- Communicate geographical concepts and data using oral, written and visual forms.
- Collaborate effectively as a team leader and team member to pursue innovative solutions.
- Identify and address geographical questions using creativity and critical thoughts.
- Investigate complex real-world challenges using appropriate concepts, methods, and tools from one or more geographical sub-disciplines.
- Explain societal relevance of geographical knowledge and apply it to real world issues.

WHY STUDY AT ALGOMA U IN SAULT STE. MARIE?

Algoma U is located in Sault Ste. Marie, a city of 75,000 people in Northern Ontario. "The Soo", as locals call it, has all the amenities of a big city – shopping, entertainment, sports teams, festivals, and cultural activities – but without the hassle of traffic.

We're lucky enough to live in a city surrounded by the great outdoors. With Lake Superior and the St. Mary's River literally just steps from our front door, there's always something to do. You can catch some sun at the beach or walk our beautiful boardwalk. With the highest elevation in Ontario, Searchmont Resort is a popular winter destination for our students, offering great alpine skiing and snowboarding.

SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE SEEKING

With over 2,000 business leaders surveyed, the top skills they would like to see in their employees include:

1. Leadership
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Time Management
5. Understanding the impact of technology
6. Consistent global training

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ENG4U
Minimum 65%.

Applying to Algoma U is simple. We're ready to help answer all of your questions and more. Before you know it, you'll be walking across campus to your first class.

Questions?
info@algomau.ca
Gain. Experience.

1st Year
- Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your Student Portal for job postings.
- Visit the Experiential Learning HUB to learn about exciting opportunities! Start connecting to career opportunities in your first year by joining the Career Link Program. Courses with EL component.
- Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with Algoma University, the Thunder Street Team or apply to be an Orientation Week Leader. Come support our varsity ThunderCats athletic teams and participate in intramurals at the GQC. Consider joining one of the many clubs through AUSU, or get involved with SASA. Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.
- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider studying in the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more. See which places appeal to you.
- Cross cultural learning opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying.

2nd Year
- Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor to select courses.
- Use the skills gained from COOP0101 to apply for a co-op placement or summer job. Continue to keep an eye out for job opportunities on your Student Portal.
- Volunteer off-campus. Reach out to local organizations such as Clean North, the Invasive Species Centre, Sault Canal Locks, or the Forests Ontario. For more volunteer opportunities visit Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie, the GQC.
- Attend the fourth-year thesis presentations to gain knowledge and prepare yourself to complete your thesis project. Courses with EL component.
- Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association of Geographers, National Center for Geographic Information & Analysis or the Canadian Remote Sensing Society.
- Attend Career Cruising, available through your Student Portal, to learn about exciting career opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying and working.

3rd Year or Final Year
- Continue to meet with your Faculty Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.
- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider studying in the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more. See which places appeal to you.
- Get involved with other cultures on campus or improve your language skills taking some of our Modern Languages courses or interacting with international students on campus!
- Attend Career Cruising, available through your Student Portal, to learn about exciting career opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying and working.

4th Year or Final Year
- Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.
- Complete a thesis and present it to fellow classmates, faculty and other AUJ community members!
- Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association of Geographers, National Center for Geographic Information & Analysis or the Canadian Remote Sensing Society.
- Attend career-related events hosted by the Experiential Learning HUB.
- Use the resources available in Career Services to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation. Attend career-related events hosted by the Experiential Learning HUB.

Experience Map: Geography

After Grad?
- Graduates can and have pursued:
  - Cartographer
  - Data Analyst
  - Economic Analyst
  - Energy Administrator
  - Environmental Researcher
  - Forestry Analyst
  - Geographer
  - GIS Analyst
  - Location Analyst
  - Meteorologist
  - Park Ranger
  - Remote Sensing Specialist
  - Education

Always remember to put your health first! Visit the GQC for some calming Yoga or an intense workout or take walks around campus to clear your mind.

If you are feeling depressed, anxious or upset don't worry, YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Download the MT. Well App or call 1-877-234-5327 for 24/7 free counseling or book an appointment with an on-campus counselor by emailing healthsupport@algoma.ca.